



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

May 17, 2024

The Honorable Martin Looney  
State Senator – 11<sup>th</sup> District  
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1627** – LSE Libra LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.5-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 410 Denslow Hill Road, Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Senator Looney:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated May 17, 2024 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision.

Before reaching a final decision on any petition, the Council must carefully consider all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and consider all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the petition and administratively noticed in the record.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at [portal.ct.gov/csc](http://portal.ct.gov/csc) under the “Pending Matters” link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

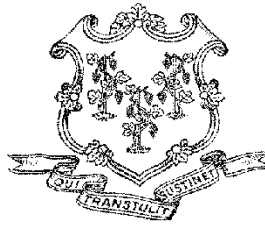
Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated April 12, 2024  
Council Members

**SENATOR MARTIN M. LOONEY**  
**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

Eleventh District  
*New Haven, Hamden & North Haven*



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RE: Opposition to PETITION NO. 1627 – LSE Libra LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the

proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 1.5-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 410 Denslow

Hill Road, Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection

Dear Members of the Siting Council:

I urge you to deny PETITION NO. 1627 – LSE Libra LLC (Lodestar Energy). The 410 Denslow Hill Road property is not appropriate

for a solar farm for a variety of reasons.

Adjacent to the 410 Denslow Hill Rd. property is land owned by the State of Connecticut which includes

a FEMA flood plain and a dam that is scheduled for repair by the Department of Energy and Environmental

Protection (DEEP). The 10 acres of trees at 410 Denslow Hill Rd. currently absorb groundwater that

would flow to the lower elevation and into the flood plain and the dam which is in need of repair. The proposal to clear 8 of the 10

acres of trees will increase the water flowing into an already overloaded dam. The clear-cutting and construction at 410 Denslow Hill Rd.

will cause traffic and other concerns for residents and unnecessary challenges for public safety and public works.

As you are aware, the Town of Hamden experienced tornados in 2018 and 2020; these events reduced the town's tree

Canopy significantly. In addition, the State of Connecticut had to clear trees to create an access roadway to service the adjacent dam

properties. The Town of Hamden has lost thousands of trees in the last 6 years and more loss should be avoided.

The Town of Hamden is dedicated to environmental sustainability and has been awarded

grants for energy efficiency improvements, stormwater management, and construction of the largest

municipally constructed rain garden. Hamden received its Silver Certification from SustainableCT this

year. The town is working to put solar photovoltaic installations on rooftops and parking lots. The town supports solar

in appropriate places but 410 Denslow Hill Rd. is not an appropriate place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Looney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Martin M. Looney

State Senator, 11<sup>th</sup> District